Eighth Grade Academic English Outline

Parents’ Night 2010-2011

Mr. Ray Truex

Thank you for coming in tonight! It is important for you, the parent, to know exactly what we will be doing this year so you can best assist your child. For this reason, I have compiled an outline of all the basic activities for the year on which your child will be graded. The activities outlined below are an outline, and are subject to change.

This course is designed to improve reading, writing, vocabulary and oral communication skills. Each of these areas is briefly described below.

Reading: During the 2010-2011 school year, we will be working from the *Writer’s Craft* textbook. Several other text books may be used at times for additional short stories. We will also study several novels in academic English, including *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Wreckers,* and one other selection. Additionally, two book reports will be assigned as independent reading each marking period.

Writing: We will be studying several different writing areas this year, including persuasive, narrative and informative/research. We will study and apply grammar into each writing assignment. Students will complete a research paper on a persuasive argument and a minimum of eight compositions this year.

Vocabulary: We will study vocabulary on a weekly basis this year. 20 new words will be given on Monday, and the quiz on spellings, definitions and parts of speech will be given the following Friday. Homework assignments will be given on Monday nights to practice these words. Students will have five weeks of vocabulary in a nine-week marking period.

Oral Communication: We will practice speech and oral communications this year through book report presentations and research presentations. Roughly three formal oral presentations will be given through out the year.

Grammar: We will study grammar through writing assignments and in preparation for the midterm and final exams.

Late Work Policy: All work that is submitted late will have points deducted. Late homework assignments will be given 50% and essays/AR tests will be deducted 5 points per day it is submitted late. Students are urged to make sure all work is submitted in a timely manner!

Questions or concerns? Contact me at rtruex@clsd.k12.pa.us or at C.C.M.S 272-2032 between 7:45 and 3:15, Monday through Friday.

Thanks again for coming tonight!